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Action dated January 29, 2003 in connection with the above-identified application.

These papers are being resubmitted pursuant to the request of Examiner McElwain made on September 10, 2003 since the original papers appear to have be missing.

Applicants respectfully request entry of these papers with an effective date of June 30, 2003.

Respectfully submitted,

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### **AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated January 29, 2003 regarding the above-referenced application. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and submit the following in support thereof:

### **AMENDMENTS TO SPECIFICATION:**

Delete paragraph page 5, lines 10-15:

Figure 3 shows a mass spectral identification of novel (A) hexadecencic acid (16:1), and (B) octadecencic acid (18:1) isomers in transgenic tobacco callus expressing the *Hedera-helix*-acyl-ACP-desaturase (clone-ehh1c.pk002.f22, SEQ ID NOs:1 and 2). The mass spectra shown were obtained by gas chromategraphy mass spectrometry (GC-MS) of dimethyl disulfide (DMDS) derivatives of fatty-acid methyl esters from tobacco-callus expressing the cDNA for EST ehh1c.pk002.f22.

Amend page 33, lines 1-12:

 $\Delta^4$  isomer (Fig. 3A). In addition, the mass spectrum of the dimethyl disulfide derivative of the novel 18:1 methyl ester in the transgenic tobacco callus contained diagnostic ions consistent with that of petroselinic acid, the 18:1 $\Delta^6$  isomer (Fig. 3B). These results thus indicate that the diverged acyl-ACP desaturase corresponding to the cDNA for EST ehh1c.pk002.f22 is associated with petroselinic acid synthesis. Based on the biosynthetic pathway for petroselinic acid previously described in Umbelliferae species [Cahoon, E.B. and Ohlrogge, J.B. (1994) *Plant Physiol.* 104:827-844], the *Hedera helix* diverged acyl-ACP desaturase is likely a  $\Delta^4$ -specific palmitoyl (16:0)-ACP desaturase. This is consistent with the presence of the novel 16:1 $\Delta^4$  isomer in the transgenic tobacco callus (Fig. 3A). The 16:1 $\Delta^4$  isomer bound to ACP likely serves as the biosynthetic precursor for petroselinic acid (18:1 $\Delta^6$ ), as